

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 21 1400 Hours 18 September 2006

New Information in Italics and Bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service forecasts, producing Situation Reports, and assisting in damage assessments compilation.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort with heavy emphasis on the City of Richmond; manage an aggressive response to requests for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and compile Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

On 8 September, the Governor requested a presidential disaster declaration for Individual Assistance to include nine localities: the counties of Accomack, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex and Northumberland, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Richmond and has requested Public Assistance for 25 localities: the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Richmond.

Marine Resources Commission developed language for amended Executive Order which, if accepted, would provide for an expedited state permitting for pier and shoreline restoration.

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**
Richmond City – Reactivated 4 September @ 1100

Local State of Emergency Declared
James City County – 7 September @ 1200
York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

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Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Continuing to respond to media inquires, coordinating legislative inquires, and developing an announcement strategy for a potential Presidential Disaster declaration.

WEATHER FORECAST

Hurricane Helene is currently a category 3 hurricane and is located about 920 miles east-northeast of the Northern Leeward Islands and about 1160 miles east-southeast of Bermuda. Helene is moving toward the north-northwest near 7 mph and a turn to the west-northwest is expected over the next 24 hours. Maximum sustained winds are near 120 mph with higher gusts and some strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours. Helene does not pose any threat to the US at this time. Hurricane Gordon is currently located 1245 miles west of the Azores and is moving toward the northeast near 20 mph and a turn towards the east-northeast with an increase in forward speed is expected over the next 24 hours. Gordon is currently a category 1 hurricane and does not pose any threat to the US at this time.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms late this evening and after midnight. A few isolated thunderstorms in Southwest Virginia may become severe with the main threat possibly being damaging winds and locally heavy rainfall. Low temperatures will range from upper 50's to upper 60's and winds will be South-Southwest 5 to 10 MPH with gusts up to 25 MPH in Southwest Virginia.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with showers likely. High temperatures in the upper 60's to low 80's with overnight lows in the mid 40's to low 60's. Winds will variable 5 to 10 MPH with gusts up to 20 MPH possible in Southwest Virginia. Probability of precipitation is 60%.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with high temperatures in the upper 60's to low 80's and winds will be North-Northwest 5 to 15 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and forecasts.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	In Progress

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: VDH reports 3 small waterworks remain under boil water notices (BWN). **VDH continues to monitor bacteriological sample results and anticipates all the boil water notices will be lifted once all lab tests are completed. Portions of the following counties under this advisory are Essex, Goochland and Northumberland.** An estimate of the total population affected by the BWN is now at 604.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services: **American Red Cross reported that the National Headquarters set up in Richmond closed today and that 6 open cases remain open in Newport News and are being handled by the Local Chapter.** Approximate totals for event to date are 2020 for cleanup kits and 28,807 meals/snacks provided.

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RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$3,085,000	\$781,169.96*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$29,121.73*
Appomattox County	N/A	\$8,782.98
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Bedford County	N/A	\$3,218.07
Brunswick County	N/A	\$17,427.86*
Buckingham County	N/A	\$478.68
Campbell County	N/A	\$16,119.47
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Charlotte County	N/A	\$14,225.71*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$30,573.84*
City of Chesapeake	\$20,700**	\$449,304
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Cumberland County	N/A	\$16,825.28*
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$141,514.75*
Essex County	\$1,250,000	\$205,192.19*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	\$607,656*
Greensville County	N/A	\$38,604*
Halifax County	N/A	\$3,300*
Hampton City	\$1,763,000**	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$280,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$250,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$374,000*
King and Queen County	N/A	\$135,804.90*
King William County	N/A	\$105,964.81*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$158,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$43,842.16*
Mathews County	\$5,218,000	\$360,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$12,331.51*
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*
New Kent County	\$552,000	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	\$137,109.26*
Norfolk City	N/A	\$369,396
Northampton County	\$7,744,653	\$124,162.68*
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	\$697,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$32,368.11*
Petersburg, City of	\$20,000	N/A
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$4,724.05
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$43,301.98*
Prince Edward	N/A	\$34,097.21

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Prince George County	\$315,500	\$27,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$41,358,298.79
Richmond County	\$1,550,000	\$178,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$55,100*
Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$36,500*
Surry County	N/A	\$159,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$85,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$118,500*
York County	\$517,000	\$937,000*
Subtotal	\$66,176,238**	\$49,715,415.98*

State Agency (Excludes VDOT)

Department of Corrections

Department of Emergency Management

Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Department of Environmental Quality

Department of Fire Programs

Department of Health

Dept of Mental Health, Retardation & Substance Abuse

Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

Department of General Services

John Tyler Community College

Paul D. Camp Community College – Franklin Campus

Paul D. Camp Community College – Suffolk Campus

Thomas Nelson Community College

Virginia Port Authority

Virginia State Police

Subtotal

Public*

\$23,179

\$1,450,000

N/A

N/A

\$1,443

\$825

\$38,280

N/A

\$73,261.82

\$80,712

\$12,700

\$10,000

\$12,380

\$13,450.48

\$14,402.58

\$1,735,867.39

Grand Total

\$66,176,238

\$51,451,283.37

*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

Damage Assessment Team: Updates or revisions to locality specific damage assessment data was due to VDEM on September 15, 2006. This deadline has been communicated to emergency managers in VDEM Regions 1 and 5.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office (JFO) following a Presidential Declaration.

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